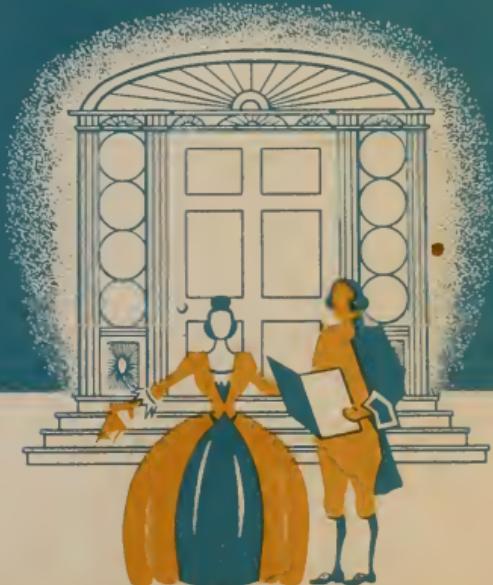


# *Houses of History* IN NEW YORK STATE



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## *A Message from the Governor*

There is no more intimate or compelling voice from the past than that which speaks from the homes in which those who went before us lived with their hopes and dreams, their triumphs and defeats.

New York's "Houses of History"—some great and impressive, others small and unpretentious—each tells a chapter of the story of our State and Nation. The visitor to any of these homes will be rewarded by a renewed appreciation of the continuity of life and human effort which gives depth and richness to our understanding of the world in which we now live.

From my own experience as a life-long resident of New York State, I can assure you that visits to the homes described in this booklet will be instructive, enjoyable and rewarding.

*Herbert Hildreth*

*Governor*

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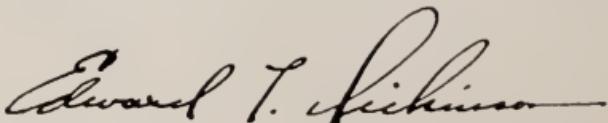
Of the numerous landmarks which remain in New York State the most interesting, to many, are its old homes. Gray stone, mellow old brick and weathered wood are convincing reminders of an eventful past. Old homes recall the day-to-day life of men and women who were destined to play important roles on the stage of Time.

Possibly there is no closer link with our rich and eventful past than the homes of those who made history. There are scores of these old dwellings whose silent walls have a compelling eloquence. They are especially numerous in the eastern part of the State which was settled first.

The houses mentioned in this booklet have special historical significance either because of noteworthy events which occurred within them, because persons of historic fame lived or visited there, or because they are representative examples of significant architecture. Only buildings open to the public are listed. Of course, many other historic homes are to be found in New York State. Buildings which are still private residences, those that lost their residential character before they gained historic fame and those now used for commercial purposes have been omitted from this listing.

All the houses mentioned here welcome visitors.

We cordially invite you to visit them and to gain from these famous homes a feeling of association with some of the State's richest traditions.

A cursive signature in black ink that reads "Edward T. Johnson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent 'E' at the beginning and a long, sweeping 'J' at the end.

*Commissioner*

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# LONG ISLAND

**EAGLE'S NEST**, Little Neck Road, off Route 25A, Centerport. This Spanish-Moroccan style mansion was owned by William K. Vanderbilt. In an adjoining building is Mr. Vanderbilt's marine museum. Open daily, except Monday, 10-4, Sunday 12-5, May 1-October 31. Adults 90¢, children under 12, 30¢.

**"HOME SWEET HOME,"** East Hampton. In this house, built 200 years ago, John Howard Payne spent the happy boyhood which prompted him in later life to write the song "Home Sweet Home." The song was part of an opera, "Clari," which has been long forgotten. In the dooryard stands one of the few surviving windmills of old Long Island. In July and August the house is open daily, except Tuesday, 10-5, Sunday 2-5, adults 50¢.

◀ *Home Sweet Home, East Hampton*

**OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE** (1789), Sag Harbor. This simple white frame house recalls the days when Sag Harbor dreamed of becoming a port rivaling New York. Here lived Henry Packer Dering, first collector of customs in New York State. Open daily, June to September, 1-5, free.

**OLD HOUSE** (1649), Cutchogue. For three centuries this house has withstood the storms of Long Island Sound and now shows us what the architecture of the early English settlements was like. Impressive features of the house are its four enormous fireplaces, each nine and a half feet long and five feet high. Open in June, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. From July to Labor Day open every afternoon, 2-5, 25¢.

**RAYNHAM HALL**, 25 West Main Street, Oyster Bay. Built in the 1730's, the home was acquired by the Townsend family, who, in spite of being in the midst of British-held territory, were intense revolutionaries and of great assistance to General Washington. "Culper Junior," Washington's principal spy



*Old Customs House,  
Sag Harbor*



*Old House, Cutchogue*

for this area, was born in this famed house of intrigue and romance. Open daily, except Tuesday, 10-5, 50¢.

**ROCK HALL**, Broadway, Lawrence. Built about 1767 by a wealthy West Indian planter, Josiah Martin, this three-story Georgian Colonial house is considered to be one of the finest American colonial homes existing today. From April to November open weekdays, except Tuesday, 10-5, Sundays 12-5, adults 50¢, children 25¢.

**SAGAMORE HILL**, Cove Neck Road, Cove Neck. World attention focussed on this three-story Victorian home when Theodore Roosevelt used it as a summer White House. The house was built by Roosevelt in 1884. After the death of Mrs. Roosevelt in 1948 the estate was acquired by the Roosevelt Memorial Association which has opened it to the public. Open daily, except Tuesday, 10-5, adults 75¢, children under 12 free.

**SAGTIKOS MANOR**, Bay Shore. The manor was created by a grant from King William and Queen Mary in 1697. During the Revolution the British commander, Sir Henry Clinton, made his headquarters here. George Washington visited here dur-



*Sagamore Hill, Cove Neck*

ing his 1790 tour of Long Island. Open daily in summer, free.

**WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE**, Route 110, a mile north of Northern State Parkway. Walt Whitman, "the good, gray poet," was born here. The main floor is now a museum devoted to Whitman items. From April to Thanksgiving, open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 2-5, adults 25¢, children under 12 free.

# NEW YORK CITY

## Manhattan

**DYCKMAN HOUSE**, 204th Street and Broadway. A white, two-story building on a crowded, busy street is a reminder of the long-gone days when a farmhouse felt perfectly at home in Manhattan. The first house built here, in 1748, was a casualty of the Revolution, burned by the British. After the war, in 1783, it was replaced by the present building. It was given to the city in 1915 as a colonial period museum. Open daily, except Monday, 11-5, free.

**HAMILTON GRANGE**, 287 Convent Avenue, near 141st Street. On a quiet morning, when most of the city was still asleep, Alexander Hamilton left this home for a meeting with Aaron Burr on the duelling field at Weehawken. To this saddened home he was carried back to die from Burr's bullet. Open daily, 10-5, Saturday, 10-1, closed Sunday and holidays, free.

**JUMEL MANSION**, Edgecombe Avenue and West 160th Street. Among the many men of history who enjoyed the hospitality of this distinguished white

house were George Washington (who gave the spy, Nathan Hale, his orders in a second floor study), Alexander Hamilton, Lord William Howe, and Aaron Burr (who married its owner). Open daily, except Monday, 11-5, free.

**OLD MERCHANT'S HOUSE**, 29 East 4th Street. Built in 1830 from plans by John McComb Jr., architect of the New York City Hall, the house was the home of the Tredwell family until 1933. Furniture and costumes of the 18th and early 19th century are displayed. Open Monday-Saturday, 11-5, Sundays and holidays, 1-5, 50¢.

**ROOSEVELT HOUSE**, 28 East 20th Street. This is the birthplace and boyhood home of Theodore Roosevelt. It is furnished in the style of the 1870's and contains a collection of diaries, letters, cartoons and other mementos of the President. Open daily, except Monday, 10-5, Sunday and holidays, 1-5, free.

*Jumel Mansion, Manhattan* ➤



# Staten Island

**CONFERENCE (BILLOPP) HOUSE**, foot of Hylan Boulevard. Built prior to 1688, the house was the scene of a conference, in July, 1776, intended to halt the American Revolution. Lord Howe, commander of the British forces but sympathetic to the

*Conference House, Staten Island*



colonists, met with representatives of the Continental Congress to arrange a peace but was unsuccessful. Open daily, except Monday, 10-5, free.

**STILLWELL-PERINE HOUSE**, 1476 Richmond Road, Dongan Hills. The Thomas Stillwell who built this house in 1679 was a well-to-do land owner. His descendants held the property until 1758 when it was acquired by Edward Perine. It survives today as an example of the architecture favored by the Dutch and Huguenot settlers. Open Sundays, 2-5 and by appointment, adults 15¢, children free.

**VOORLEZER'S HOUSE**, 45 Arthur Kill Road, Richmondtown. The first mention of this structure is in a deed of 1696. The thrifty Dutch designed the building for three uses in one. It was a school, a church, and a residence for the Voorlezer, a layman authorized to teach school and conduct church services in the absence of an ordained pastor. Open daily, except Monday, April-November, adults 10¢, children free.

## Bronx

**BARTOW MANSION**, Pelham Bay Park. In 1836 this large stone house was built on the country estate of Robert Bartow whose family owned it until 1888 when it was acquired by the city in the development of Pelham Bay Park. It has been restored and furnished in the original period by the International Garden Club which has headquarters here. The grounds are lavishly landscaped and gardened. Open Tuesday and Sunday, 10-5, 25¢.

**POE COTTAGE** (1812), Grand Concourse and Kingsbridge Road. The winter of 1847 was a terrible one for that strange, twisted genius, Edgar Allan Poe. In this small laborer's cottage Poe produced such masterpieces as "The Raven" while his wife Virginia lay dying of tuberculosis. The building has been restored and contains a few Poe possessions. Open daily, 10-12:30, 2-4:30, Sunday 1-5, closed holidays, free.

**VAN CORTLANDT MANSION**, Van Cortlandt Park. The visitor who sees it today, surrounded by



*Poe Cottage, Bronx*

towering apartment houses, finds it hard to believe that when the house was built in 1748, it was the center of a large and impressive country estate. George Washington slept here and so did his enemy, Lord Howe, for it was an American and British headquarters in succession. Open Monday, 12-5; Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5, Sunday 2-5. Free except Thursday, 25¢.

*Bowne House,  
Flushing*



## Brooklyn

**LEFFERTS HOMESTEAD**, Prospect Park, Brooklyn. This Dutch farmhouse was built in 1777. In 1776, American troops, ordered to burn a wheat-field to prevent it from falling into British hands,

did their job so enthusiastically they set fire to the original house. The house was replaced the following year. It now stands on a different site. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1-5, free.

## Queens

**BOWNE HOUSE** (1661), Bowne Street and Fox Lane, Flushing. In 1662, John Bowne, a strong-minded Englishman, found himself in trouble. For allowing Quakers to meet in his home he had been imprisoned by the Dutch colonial government and

finally deported to Holland. There he was freed and allowed to return to his home where he peacefully ended his days in the house now preserved as a shrine to religious freedom. Open Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday, 3-5, free.

**KING MANSION** (c. 1757), Jamaica Avenue near 153d Street, Jamaica. The house was old when Rufus King bought it in 1805. After a distinguished career during which he served as a member of the Revolutionary Congress, and the Constitutional Convention, and became the first ambassador to Eng-

land, he looked forward to retirement. But public service called him again and he served four terms in the United States Senate and as ambassador to England. The property remained in the King family until 1896. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1-5, free.

*King Mansion,  
Jamaica*





# HUDSON VALLEY East Side

**CLINTON HOUSE** (State-owned historic site), 549 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. This old stone home, built about 1767, became associated with the state's first governor, George Clinton, when Poughkeepsie was the temporary Capital in 1777. The building was badly damaged by fire and was rebuilt by workmen from Washington's army encamped at Newburgh. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

**CLUETT HOUSE**, 59 Second Street, Troy. This brick house with sandstone trim, built in 1827, is an example of the Federal period in American architecture. It is now owned by the Rensselaer County Historical Society. Open afternoons, except Sunday, 35¢.

**HAMMOND HOUSE**, Route 100-C, Eastview, between White Plains and Tarrytown. This is an excellent example of the farmhouses which were once common in the Hudson Valley. The house was built in 1719. During the period of the Civil War it was a station on the "underground railroad." From April 1 to November 1 open daily, except Monday, 2-5; groups by appointment, free.

◀ *Franklin D. Roosevelt Home, Hyde Park*

**HOUSE OF HISTORY**, Kinderhook. A dignified and lavishly furnished home of the Federal period, this house witnessed many notable political meetings. Martin Van Buren was a frequent visitor and his son John married the daughter of the prominent jurist, James Vanderpoel, who built the house about 1810. Open daily, 10-4:30, 35¢.

*Vanderbilt Mansion, Hyde Park*



**MILLS MANSION** (1895), Mills Memorial State Park, Staatsburg. One of the Hudson River landmarks is this 65-room French Renaissance mansion. It was last occupied by Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the Treasury in the Hoover administration, and after his death presented to the state by his sisters. Open daily, except Monday, 11-4:30. Closed last two weeks in December. When Monday is a holiday, closed Tuesday. Adults 25¢, groups of children 10¢.

**PAINE COTTAGE** (c. 1800), North and Paine Avenues, New Rochelle. Here lived Thomas Paine, pamphleteer of the Revolution, the man who wrote "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered." Open daily, except Monday, 2-5, free.

*Philipse Castle,  
North Tarrytown*





*Philipse Manor,  
Yonkers*

**PHILIPSE CASTLE**, 381 Bellwood Avenue, North Tarrytown. This manor house was built in 1683 by Frederick Philipse, and is one of two large houses he owned on the great estate he acquired from the Dutch West India Company who brought him to the Hudson Valley as their master carpenter. Open daily 10-5, adults \$1, children 60¢. It is associated in its management with nearby Sunnyside and combination tickets. adults \$1.60, children \$1, admit to both. (See Sunnyside.)

**PHILIPSE MANOR** (State-owned historic site), Warburton Avenue and Dock Street, Yonkers. This was the principal home and headquarters of the Philipse Manor and was built a year previous to Philipse Castle, 1682. According to legend, George Washington was a suitor of Mary Philipse and he made several visits here. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

**FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**, Hyde Park. The 32nd President was born here and is buried in the rose garden. In the Library are his books, ship models and other collections. The Home, Library and grounds are maintained by the National Park Service. Open daily except Christmas and Monday. When Monday is a holiday, closed Tuesday. Admission 25¢ for Home, 25¢ for Library, children under 12 free.

**SUNNYSIDE**, West of Route 9, between Irvington and Tarrytown. Washington Irving's own description of his home, "as full of nooks and corners as an old cocked hat," is still a good one for this pictur-

esque house so beloved by its famous owner. Open daily, 10-5. Closed Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving. Adults \$1, children, grades 1-12, 60¢. Combination tickets, adults \$1.60, children \$1, also admit to Philipse Castle. (See Philipse Castle.)

**VANDERBILT MANSION**, (1898), Hyde Park. Once one of the more pretentious of the lavish mansions which were common on the banks of the Hudson, the 50-room marble building, in Italian Renaissance style, since 1940 has been a national historic site administered by the National Park Service. Open daily, except Monday and Christmas, 9-5. When Monday is a holiday, closed Tuesday. Admission 25¢.



*Sunnyside, Irvington*

*Washington's Headquarters,  
Newburgh*



**WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS**, Virginia Road, White Plains. On various occasions General Washington, as well as other Continental officers, stayed in this story-and-a-half farmhouse, built in 1738. Open daily, except Monday, 10-4, free.

## West Side

**DE WINDT HOUSE** (1700), 1 mile west of Route 9W, Tappan. In this house General Washington spent some of the darkest hours of the Revolution, for this was his headquarters during the trial

of Major Andre who was involved in the treason of Benedict Arnold. Washington signed Andre's death warrant here and he was hanged on a nearby hill. Open daily 10-4, free.

**KNOX HEADQUARTERS** (State-owned historic site), Route 94, 4 miles southwest of Newburgh. The stone house, built about 1754, takes its present name from its occupancy during 1782-1783 by General Henry Knox, chief artillery officer of the Continental Army and later first Secretary of War. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

**WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS**, (State-owned historic site), Liberty and Washington Streets, Newburgh. This house, built in 1750, was the last headquarters used by Washington (1782-1783). Here he announced the successful end of

America's war for independence, here he spurned a suggestion that he become king, and here he created the Order of the Purple Heart. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

## Catskills

**BRONCK HOUSE**, on Route 9W, 1½ miles south of Coxsackie. Said to be the oldest residence in Greene County, and one of the oldest and best preserved in the state, the house was built about 1663

*Bronck House, Coxsackie*



by Pieter Jonassen Bronck, son of Jonas Bronck after whom the New York City borough is named. From June to November, open daily, except Sunday, 9:30-5:30, free.

**HASBROUCK HOUSE** (1712), Huguenot Street, New Paltz. This house is the largest of a group of sturdy stone houses built from 1692 to 1720 as a Huguenot settlement by French Protestant refugees who found asylum in the religious freedom of America. Open daily, except Monday, 9-5, free.

**SENATE HOUSE** (State-owned historic site), 312 Fair Street, Kingston. The first Senate of the new state of New York met in this home, September 10, 1777. In October the house was destroyed by fire when the British army burned Kingston. The house was rebuilt using the old walls which were still standing. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.





# Capital District

**FORT CRAILO** (State-owned historic site), Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer. The "fort" is an old brick residence, believed to have been built about 1705 for the Patroon of Rensselaerwyck. According to legend a British army surgeon, Dr. Richard Shuckburgh, wrote the derisive words of "Yankee Doodle" while seated on the well curb at the rear of the house. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

**SCHUYLER MANSION** (State-owned historic site), Clinton and Catherine Streets, Albany. Built in 1762 by Philip Schuyler. Among the many events which occurred in this Georgian colonial home, the most stirring was the British raid which attempted the capture of General Schuyler during the Revolution. British General John Burgoyne was a prisoner here after surrender at Saratoga. Alexander Hamilton was married here to Elizabeth Schuyler, daughter of the General. Open daily 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

◀ *Schuyler Mansion, Albany*

**TEN BROECK MANSION**, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. The two-and-a-half-story brick house is a fine example of Georgian architecture. It was built in 1798 by General Abraham Ten Broeck, a militia officer during the Revolution. Open daily, 3-4, free.

*Fort Crailo, Rensselaer*



# NORTH COUNTRY

## Saratoga Area

**GRANT COTTAGE** (State-owned historic site), Mount McGregor, 10 miles north of Saratoga Springs. Ulysses S. Grant, suffering from cancer of the throat, came here in the summer of 1885 hoping that the invigorating air and altitude might be beneficial. After five weeks he died and the cottage has been maintained since as it was at that time. Open daily 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

*Schuyler House, Schuylerville*



*Grant Cottage, Mount McGregor*

**PATT SMYTH HOUSE** (Old Fort House), 29 Lower Broadway, Fort Edward. The white frame house was built in 1772-73 of material from a hospital and barracks used in the French and Indian war. It is near the site of old Fort Edward which was razed in 1775. It is now owned by the Fort Edward Historical Society. Open daily 1-5, Sunday 2-7, last of May to the middle of October, free.

**SCHUYLER HOUSE**, Schuylerville. This was the country home of General Philip Schuyler, built in 1777 to replace an earlier structure burned by the British army in its advance on Saratoga. It has been opened to the public as part of the Saratoga Battlefield National Historical Park. Open daily, except Monday, 10:30-4:30, adults 25¢, children 10¢.

# Adirondacks

**CONSTABLE HALL**, Route 26 at Constableville. William Constable Jr., who built this graystone Georgian home in 1819, was the owner of a great tract of Adirondack land which included four townships. The house, one of the finest and best-furnished in northern New York, remained in the Constable family until 1949. From June to November, open daily, except Monday, 10-5, Sunday 1-6, adults 50¢, children 25¢.

**KENT-DELORD HOUSE**, 17 Cumberland Avenue, Plattsburgh. The older part of the house was built in 1797 by James Kent who later became head of the State Supreme Court. In 1810 it was purchased by Henry DeLord, a French refugee, who became a prominent merchant. In the War of 1812 it was used by British officers. Open daily, except Sunday, 10-5. Lecture tours 10 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M., adults, 50¢, children 25¢; general admission, adults \$1, children 50¢.

**STEVENSON COTTAGE**, Saranac Lake. "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest, yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum," is not suggestive of the Adirondacks



*Kent-DeLord House, Plattsburgh*

yet the creator of those words spent the winter of 1887-88 in what was then a remote mountain hamlet attempting to cure his tuberculosis. Open daily, except Monday, 9-12, 1-5 (open when Monday is a holiday), adults 25¢, children free.



# Thousand Islands

**BOLDT CASTLE**, Heart Island in the St. Lawrence River opposite Alexandria Bay. George Boldt, owner of the famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, spent millions on this Rhine-like castle which he intended as a present to his wife. Construction was only partly finished when, in 1903, Mrs. Boldt died. Work was stopped and was never resumed. From May to October, open daily, 10-7, 50¢.

**BROWN MANSION** (1811), Brown Boulevard, Brownville. General Jacob Brown was a hero of the War of 1812. His outstanding success in military matters, although he had no formal military training, led to his postwar appointment as commanding general of the entire American army. The house is now used as a community headquarters. Some rooms are open to the public Tuesday and Friday, 7:30-9 P. M., Saturday 1-5, free.

**CALUMET CASTLE**, Calumet Island in the St. Lawrence River opposite Clayton. The former summer home of C. G. Emory, wealthy tobacco magnate, is now open to visitors. Guided tours and picnic



*Brown Mansion, Brownville*

area. From May to October, open daily 9-9, including Sunday and holidays, adults 75¢, children under 12 free.

**REMINGTON MEMORIAL**, State and Washington Streets, Ogdensburg. The house was built in 1809 by David Parish, wealthy landowner. It now houses a collection of the paintings and statues of Frederic Remington. Open daily, except Sunday and holidays, 2-5, adults 25¢, under 18 free.



*Fort Johnson at  
Fort Johnson*



*Herkimer Home, Little Falls*

# MID-STATE Mohawk Valley

**FORT JOHNSON**, 3 miles west of Amsterdam in the village of Fort Johnson. The stone residence, built by Sir William Johnson in 1749, was surrounded by a log stockade and garrisoned by troops. This was the first of the large homes built by Johnson. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5, Sunday, Monday, 1-5, free.

**GUY PARK HOUSE** (State-owned historic site), 366 West Main Street, Route 5, Amsterdam. The original home was built in 1766 by Sir William Johnson for his daughter Mary who married his nephew, Guy Johnson. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1773 and was replaced by the present one. Like the other Johnson properties, it was confiscated by New York State during the Revolution. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday, 1-5, free.

**HERKIMER HOME** (State-owned historic site), Route 5S, 2 miles east of Little Falls. Nicholas Herkimer, general of the Mohawk Valley militia and



*Guy Park, Amsterdam*

hero of the Battle of Oriskany, built this home in 1764. The architect was Samuel Fuller, who designed both Johnson Hall and Guy Park and, next to the Johnson homes, the Herkimer House was the most pretentious in the valley. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.

**JOHNSON HALL** (State-owned historic site), Hall Avenue, Johnstown. Built in 1762, this was the last and largest home of Sir William Johnson. Sir William was the influential Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the British crown and this house was the scene of momentous meetings with Indian and colonial leaders. Open daily, 9-5, Sunday 1-5, free.



*Eastman House,  
Rochester*

## Genesee Area

**CAMPBELL-WHITTLESEY HOUSE**, South Fitzhugh and Troup Streets, Rochester. The house was built in 1836 by Benjamin Campbell, a merchant who became prosperous during the Erie Canal boom. In 1852 it became the home of Frederick W. Whittlesey, a justice of the State Supreme Court. It is one of the country's finest examples of the Greek Revival style. Open daily, except Monday, 1-5, 50¢.

**EASTMAN HOUSE**, 900 East Avenue, Rochester. This 50-room mansion, built in 1905, was the home of George Eastman, founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. In recent years it has been converted by the Eastman company into one of the world's most complete museums devoted to photography in all its branches. Also on display is the Eastman collection of paintings. In the adjoining Dryden Theater old movies are shown Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5, Sunday 1-6, closed Monday and holidays, free.

# Finger Lakes Area

**BATES HOUSE**, 135 East Third Street, Oswego. Three architectural periods are represented in this building, now the headquarters of the Oswego County Historical Society. The original house, built about 1830, is of wood. In 1850 the north wing was built of brick. The south wing, of brick, was built in 1880. Open Sunday 3-6, April to October, free.

**GRANGER HOMESTEAD (1815)**, 295 North Main Street, Canandaigua. The three-story frame dwelling is believed to have been designed by Thomas Jefferson, who liked to dabble in architecture. It was built by Gideon Granger who was Postmaster General under both Jefferson and Madison. Open daily, 10-5, free.

**JOSEPH SMITH HOME**, Stafford Road, Palmyra. In his bedroom, on the second floor of this farmhouse, Joseph Smith had the visions which led him to unearth, in 1827, the golden plates of the Book of Mormon. Soon after, he founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, familiarly known as the Mormon Church. Open daily, 8-12, 1-6, Sunday 1-6, free.

*Granger Homestead, Canandaigua* ►

**LE ROY HOUSE**, 23 East Main Street, Le Roy. Built in 1815 as a residence and land office, in 1823 it became the home of Jacob Le Roy whose father was one of the principal owners of the 87,500-acre Triangle Tract, now part of Genesee and Monroe counties. Daniel Webster, a frequent visitor, is said to have courted Caroline Le Roy, Jacob's sister. Open Wednesday and Sunday, June-August, free.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY HOUSE**, 17 Madison Street, Rochester. This was the home for forty years of Susan B. Anthony, noted woman suffrage leader. The house was the headquarters for the activity which finally resulted in passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Open daily, free.





*The Castle,  
Old Fort Niagara*

## WESTERN BORDER

**McCLURG HOUSE**, at the junction of Routes 17 and 20, Westfield. The house was built in 1818 by James McClurg from plans of a Scottish manor house. It is now a museum of regional history. Open Tuesday-Saturday, June to November, 9-5, adults 25¢, children 10¢.

**THE CASTLE, Old Fort Niagara**, Youngstown. The stone building known as the "Castle" dates from 1726. Although intended as a fortification it

was camouflaged as a house, the builders explaining that it "will not have the appearance of a fort, so that no offense will be given to the Iroquois, who have been unwilling to allow any there, but it will answer the purpose of a fort just as well!" Open daily, 50¢.

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